

Opportunity to volunteer with police

'A chance to gain valuable experience'

By Josh Saxon

ANYONE with spare time on their hands now have some new opportunities to put it to good use by volunteering to work with East Berkshire Police.

According to Amanda James, the new volunteer coordinator for East Berkshire and a volunteer herself, the list of different volunteer roles is endless and anyone from 16 to 116 can get involved.

She said: "There isn't a typical volunteer. Anyone aged 16 or above can fill out an application form and you can offer as many or as few hours as you like, there are no specific days or hours you have to commit to."

Ms James is keen to encourage more people to

get involved in the police service.

There are 66 people in the area donating their time to the police force and crime prevention schemes like SMART (Shops in Maidenhead Against Retail Theft).

"Their dedication is invaluable to the organisation and we are always keen to welcome more people who want to join us," said Ms James.

"Volunteering provides an opportunity to work alongside police officers and staff and gain valuable skills and experience within a professional and public organisation.

"You will have the opportunity to meet new people and work as part of a team, engage and interact with people from different communities and backgrounds

while making a positive contribution to your local community."

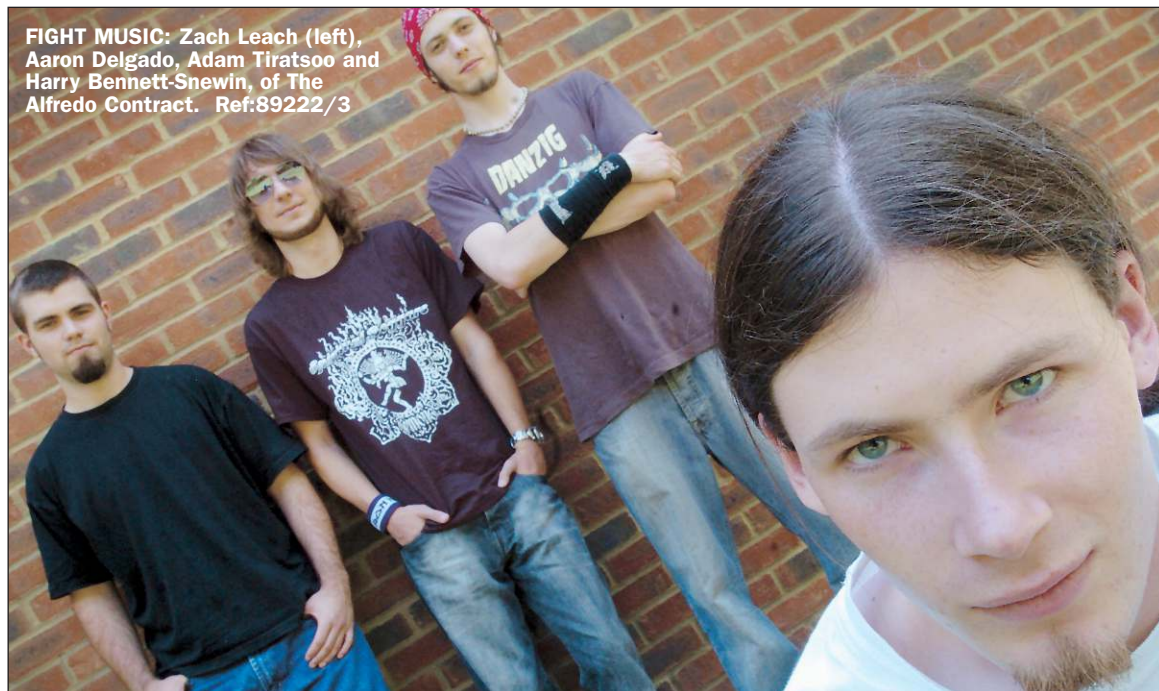
Ms James' job is to ensure the volunteers are matched up with the most needy departments, arrange any necessary training such as first aid or computer courses and make sure the volunteer system runs smoothly.

She added: "Volunteering is very rewarding. It is great to be able to get out there and talk to people, listen to the community, visit schools and meet everybody in the station."

To find out more about becoming a police volunteer contact Ms James on amanda.james@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or call her on 01753 506238 or 07812 338232.

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Metal band are fighting fit



FIGHT MUSIC: Zach Leach (left), Aaron Delgado, Adam Tiratsoo and Harry Bennett-Snewin, of The Alfredo Contract. Ref:89222/3

A OLD-SCHOOL metal band got their first taste of success when they were commissioned to write and perform the theme tune for the Freestyle Fighting Federation.

The Alfredo Contract's song will feature on the federation's new DVD

and might be aired on Sky Sports.

Aaron Delgado, 18, lead guitarist, said he received an email from the Freestyle Fighting Federation saying it had heard his music on the BBC website and asking if the band would record it as song. He said: "It's

a great opportunity for any band."

The Maidenhead-based band will next perform tomorrow (Saturday) at a charity concert at Wye Valley School, Bourne End. For details visit www.thecontract.co.uk or for tickets for the gig call 07753 608094.

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WATER DAY! Theresa May and her husband Philip enjoy a boat trip along the Thames with skipper Samantha Davis. Ref:89183/1

Oh, what a perfect day!

THERESA May made a toast to Cliveden and The Advertiser after being treated to a luxury river trip along the Thames on Saturday.

In the March 4 edition of The Advertiser Mrs May, MP for Maidenhead, told us how her perfect day would involve a picnic lunch on a river boat trip along the Thames.

Sam Taylor, marketing executive at Cliveden, saw the article and set about making arrangements.

She said: "A little thing called the elec-

tion meant that we left it a little while but it worked out perfectly really because Theresa had a glorious summer's day to enjoy her cruise."

Mrs May relaxed on the waters with her husband Philip.

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